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MINUTES Ecology Board & Parks & Parkway Advisory Board JOINT MEETING Thursday, July 5, 2012 Ed Burke Recreation Center 11400 NE 9th Court Biscayne Park, Florida

In Attendance: Ecology Board: Karen Cohen, Tom Pilske, Richie Strassberg
Parks and Parkways: Dan Keyes, Randy Wagoner, Barbara Kuhl, Pam Garman
Also attending: Mayor Noah Jacobs, Comm. Bob Anderson, Gary Kuhl

Meeting was called to order by Karen Cohen at 7:00pm

Tom reports on Native Plant Demonstration Project. Small ongoing project with small plants/ accent plants. Sources of plants to include Enchanted Forest Park, Native plant Nurseries (damaged seedlings). See report for more info.

Maintenance to be provided by FIU volunteers and BP public works.

Barbara Kuhl suggested moving the location from the 116th street site to the back side of Rec Building. Reasons given irrigation and would be seen by more people. She also said that the medians were planned to encourage the tree canopy. Dan Keyes said he was leaning toward the Rec Center area where the educational goals could be better met. Pam Garman said maybe residents could participate in the ongoing maintenance of the project. Gary Kuhl said that was not feasible for the long term needs. Comm. Anderson asked about signage costs and irrigation.

Barbara and Dan both asked that the plants be larger (3 gallon size) rather than seedlings.

A long discussion followed about the intent of the project. Dan Keyes asked is it to mimic real settings or Landscaping groupings. Most said it was both. Dan said he would like to be informed on plant selection and design. Both Boards agreed to make this first project at the Rec Center area. Merge inputs from both boards.

The meeting then moved outside to view possible sites behind Rec Center. The site that seemed most promising was next to the Basketball Court on the North side. Input from Director Issa will be solicited. Tom will present the plant list at the next P&P board meeting on July 18th. Richie volunteered to be the liaison with other boards.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM..

Minutes Approved on _____.

Karen Cohen, Chair, Ecology Board

Dan Keys, Chair, Parks & Parkway Advisory Board